

DIMENSIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Corresponding AAR Open Top Loading Rule 4

Height, width, and length of a load on one car for unrestricted movement must be within the “Outline Diagram for Single Loads, Without End Overhang, On Open Top Cars” as published in the Official Railway Equipment Register. If load exceeds these outlines (Appendix A, Plate C) then shippers and originating carriers must verify clearances over the entire route for any load having one or more dimensions exceeding the above-referenced out-line diagram.

Load restraint, when a specific figure is not involved and when an object or load is secured using applicable securement details listed in these General Rules and the ones of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules, Section 1., the load restraint values shown below must be observed (except for pivoted bolster loads) unless all carriers involved in the movement agree otherwise.

RESTRAINT VALUES FOR GENERAL COMMODITIES:

Corresponding AAR Open Top Loading Rule 5

Longitudinal----- Total load restraint in each direction should equal **three times** object weight.

Lateral----- Total load restraint in each direction should equal **two times** object weight.

Vertical----- Total load restraint should **equal the lightweight** of the carrying car or **two times** object weight, whichever is less.